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Going Out of Town?

Subscribers who leave the city temporarily should have The Times-Dispatch mailed them. Addresses will be changed as often as requested.

You can keep fully informed about Richmond affairs only through The Times-Dispatch.

The main part is to do with might and main what you can do.—Emerson.

RICHMOND DAY.

Never in the history of Richmond have so large a body of its citizens moved together under a common impulse to one point. Never before has Richmond had so many citizens on whom to draw for such an occasion, and never has the city had in time of peace so compelling and interesting a motive as that furnished by the celebration of the tercentennial of Virginia which is now in progress on Hampton Roads.

Under almost insuperable difficulties, delayed by government appropriations, and impeded by an unfortunate start, the Jamestown Exposition has at length emerged from its chrysalis, and stands completed as one of the great exhibitions of this country. It was a patriotic impulse that led the city of Richmond to move with uniformity in the matter of making Richmond Day numerically great. The exposition on Hampton Roads is our exposition as fellow Virginians with the citizens of Norfolk and the State at large. No evil could happen to this exposition that would not reflect upon us, while its success and prestige will equally inure to our reputation and advantage. It is a great exposition, a very storehouse of historical data and inspiration. For those who wish to see the growth of our country pictures and exhibits tableaux are all prepared. For those who wish to enjoy the more usual pleasures of the Warpath or the Parade Ground, full preparation has been made, and for all of Richmond and of Virginia, this is a day in which the Capital City of a great Commonwealth delights to honor the birth of the Mother of States and Statesmen.

ONE DEPARTMENT AND ONE COMMITTEE.

The suggestion that the Water Works and the City Engineer's Department be consolidated under the active management of Superintendent Bolling opens the way for the development of a system of public utilities which is capable of greatly facilitating the management and administration of the city. At present the administration of the Gas Works, for example, is in the hands of the Light Committee, the administration of the streets is in the hands of the Street Committee, the Water Works is in the hands of the Water Committee, and the street-cleaning is in the hands of the Street-Cleaning Committee. These committees have absolute power, and when once the appropriations for their departments have been made by the Council, each committee is authorized to proceed to spend the money so appropriated in such method as it may deem best. It frequently happens that the Street Committee may pave a street or repair a street, and immediately thereafter the Water Committee may root it up to lay water mains, and when the Street Committee has again put the street in order the Gas Committee comes along and tears it to pieces again for gas pipes.

The mere possibility of such a waste of energy and expense shows the inherent weakness of the system of committee government as at present developed in Richmond. Richmond is no longer a village. The committee, so far from being informed as to each other's actions, are often in utter ignorance of the course that their confreres will pursue. Manifestly, it would be a source of economy and efficiency in administration if it were possible to co-ordinate all of these separate activities under one competent head, which would be given sufficient power to harmonize and arrange the work so as to secure the greatest efficiency at the least cost.

Yesterday The Times-Dispatch urged that the Gas Works be combined with the Water Works and the Street and Engineering Departments under one head. We are aware that such a step

will not be favorably received by the Council as at present constituted. But it would certainly be difficult, if not impossible, for any one man to supervise the work of four autonomous committees, and the suggestion of The Times-Dispatch accentuates the need for just that co-ordination of effort which has been so sadly lacking in Richmond in the past. While the members of the various committees have doubtless done their very best to familiarize themselves with the working of their departments, it is palpably unreasonable to expect a business man to turn aside from his need for gaining daily support for his family and so familiarize himself with the scientific aspects of gas or water works, for example, as to become a thoroughly competent director of such an undertaking.

Because the Council would not make a proper appropriation for the repair and up-keep of the Gas Works, that institution was allowed to lapse into a terrible state of dilapidation. We are now in the process of repairing the Gas Works, but the schedules for expense in these repairs and the specifications and propriety of the work which will be done was not passed upon by an expert Gas Engineer, but by the Light Committee, which, despite every desire on its part to be honest and efficient, is composed of laymen, none of whom would have been chosen by the average citizen to pass upon the expenditure of over three hundred thousand dollars. Richmond's charter must either be changed, or the present system of administration must be radically altered, if we are not to bear a continually recurring waste resulting from the utterly disorganized method of administration which now prevails.

We note that Councilman Mills also is of our opinion, and it will only be a matter of time when all thoughtful citizens will wonder how they lived under our present outgrown system of municipal administration by committees.

A VAST POWER UNUSED.

An organization that was recently formed for the purpose of bringing to public knowledge the advantages of upper James River Valley is well worth the while. There was a time when this section of Virginia dominated or largely influenced the commercial affairs of the State. The old canal was a wonderful developer of business, but in the changing economical conditions brought about by the vicissitudes of war and the destruction of the canal, vast natural advantages on James River have been undeveloped. It is not wide of the mark to say that there is scarcely in America for an equal distance such a vast amount of unused water power as there is on James River from Lynchburg to the falls at Richmond. The development of the water power along this distance of 160 miles could produce a sufficient horse power to operate millions of spindles and drive electric cars in Richmond, Petersburg and Lynchburg, as will be done soon in the latter city, and furnish power to every manufacturing that could be established in this great valley. With the enormous growth of manufacturing in Virginia, it is not extravagant to predict a development in this valley that will make it at no distant day one of the most prosperous and richest spots on the Atlantic seaboard.

The great natural resources adjacent to this valley in the way of splendid farming lands, untold quantities of slate, lumber, stone, kaolin, firebrick clay, together with coal and lime, give the proof that in this valley can be erected economically vast manufacturing industries and great iron and steel furnaces. The progress of the manufacturing in Virginia the last twenty-five years has been wonderful. In 1859 Virginia had about \$27,000,000 capital invested in manufacturing. In 1900 she had over \$132,000,000.

Already between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 have been put into hydro-electrical work in the South, and there has been developed some 500,000-horse power. On the Yadkin River Pittsburg capitalists are at work in contemplation of the expenditure of over \$7,000,000, and plans have been well developed to control a dozen water powers of the Catawba River, which will entail an expenditure of probably eight or ten million dollars. There is also a plan on foot to develop an immense water power on the Tennessee River near Chattanooga, which will be an outlay of between four and five million dollars. The remarkable work done on the Chattahoochee at Columbus, Ga., and the development of Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee in Alabama, have all given such profitable returns that the investment in such projects is no longer experimental. Ten million dollars invested in the development of hydro-electrical power on James River would bring satisfactory returns to the investors. Such a movement would mean great prosperity for Richmond. It would add largely to the wholesale jobbing trade of Richmond, and would give impetus to new life throughout this entire section.

How long will these great natural opportunities remain unutilized?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SOCIALISM.

On Tuesday, July 9th, the announcement was made that President Roosevelt would draw the fangs of the Tobacco Trust by the peaceful means of appointing Federal receivers to "operate, direct, sell and resolve the trust into its primary and original constituent parts." To the plain citizen who regards a receiver as an officer of the court to wind up defunct corporations or manage the affairs of contestants, it seems a little strange to require to adjust the mind to the presidential brand of receiver to wind up a solvent business and assume control against the will of the owners who are not initiating any question between themselves. Such a change of viewpoint as to the rights and duties of courts and their officials takes time, but the President

Poems You Ought to Know People Seen

in Public Places

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1236.

To Age.

By WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Welcome, old friend! These many years
Have we liv'd door by door:
The Fates have laid aside their shears
Perhaps for some few more.

I was idle at an age
When better boys were taught,
But then at length I made me sage,
If I am sage in age.

Little I know from other men,
Too little they from me,
But thou hast pointed well the pen
That writes these lines to thee.

Thanks for expelling Fear and Hope,
One vile, the other vain;
One's scourge, the other's telescope,
I shall not see again!

Rather what lies before my feet
My notice shall engage.
He who hath brav'd Youth's dizzy heat
Dreads not the frost of Age.

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dent is not a man for the slow process growth. His fecund mind brings forth new ideas with incredible swiftness. No stress of labor or restraining influence of constitutional guarantees hamper his lightning-like rapidity of generalization. With him to see is to think, and to think is to speak. Within three days of the pronouncement of the receiver theory comes "the government purchase of stock in railroads" platform.

Unfortunately for President Roosevelt, he has adopted a principle upon which the public mind has reached a clear and fixed decision. The United States does not want, and will not have, government ownership. Mr. Bryan sounded that question once and landed the true situation. What the public will ask itself in view of President Roosevelt's last inspiration is, "Why should the government buy stocks in railroads when the people do not want government ownership?" And also, "Why does the government need directors to acquire knowledge of railroad management? Did not Secretary Cortelyou, as head of the Department of Labor and Commerce, find out all that was necessary or useful without becoming a director of the Standard Oil or American Tobacco Company? How else did Secretary Cortelyou secure those contributions which Judge Parker refused and Mr. Roosevelt denied?"

President Roosevelt's undiluted socialism, which must seem like an impossibly beautiful dream to such honest toilers in the field of political spoliation as Herr Bebel or M. Jaures, has this comfort, however, that he will probably change his mind before the week is out. Meantime the country is suffering from these violent, but not uncommon, outbreaks of a mania for curing all ills by the new process of Rooseveltian inspiration.

"One of the odd sights of the Panama Canal," says a returned traveler, "is to see everybody carrying an umbrella during the rainy season." A far older Panama sight, as we view the matter, must be that of a queer sort of engineer who makes it plain that he means to stay on the job.

Old Virginia potlicker, made by the ancestral recipes, was never better than in this month of July. A. D. 1907. Rich- monders, whether fond of the stimulating liquids or not, find perfect warm-weather solace in this historic and peerless drink.

"Back to the Constitution!" cries Henry Watterson. "Stick to the Constitution," shouts the New York State Mr. Roosevelt, having already set both his back and his stick to it, merely smiles and continues making hay.

Mayor Beale, of Alton, Ill., kissed one hundred babies at a Sunday-school picnic the other day. Men like this are simply obliged to be elected Mayor of something or other. There is no use in the world trying to keep men down.

The Virginia July continues to be the weather bureau's very finest summer product. Those who have experienced its balmy breeziness will thereafter accept no substitute.

After all, what does happen when an irresistible force meets an immovable body? We are moved to ponder this old query by the tidings that Carnegie National will undertake to reform Pittsburg.

The Washington Herald prints a little article called "Mr. Hitchcock's Position," which is interesting as showing, once for all, that Mr. Hitchcock has one.

The so-called "national cigar trust" can hardly be extended to apply to the staples of Pittsburg, which were ever notoriously untrustworthy.

It is understood that B. Washington, despite his adjacency to Sagamore Hill, is using his own mail-tickets at the rate of twenty-one per week.

Now they say that John D. Rockefeller's barber is worth \$100,000. Explanations pile up regarding the recent rises in kerosene.

The real point of the cocktail episode, however, is this: Did it, or did it not, warm Fairbanks up any?

Houston (Tex.) ice costs twenty cents a hundred, but nobody pretends that it is worth it.

A bathing-suit may be a crime, as a contemporary intimates, but you would hardly notice it.

Yes, this is The Day, all right. You will not look upon its like again.

The pen is also mightier than the bludgeon, eh, Mayor Schmitt?

Philander Knox must consent to "Phil" or abandon the boom.

To-morrow will be one day too late.

All aboard! Also, step lively!

Rhymes for To-Day

AS WE LOCK THE DOOR.

NO soldier with a saive
Could hold me to my labor
For Rhymes To-Day, my neighbor,
A fig for all that's irksome!
Let others stay and work some!
For me what's glad and shirk some—
Me to the Exposit!

In such a gay endeavor
Dull care and Me to sever,
I hope, both now and ever,
To have your kind permish:
But if you must withhold it,
And mean to chide or scold it,
Still, just as I have told it,
Me to the Exposit!

H. S. II.

MERELY JOKING.

His Point of View.

Landlord: "Sir, the other tenants will not stay in the flat if you insist on playing the piano."

Mr. Toots: "I'm glad of that. They were very annoying."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Helped Some.

"What has wealth done for you?" inquired the Criminal Police Court yesterday.

"Well," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "it has given me certain advantages. By owning considerable amounts of good dividend-paying stock, I have been enabled to save most of my salary as a director."—Washington Star.

Not a Follower.

"What profession does your son intend to follow?" asked a collector, asked the visitor of Farmer Korkob.

"I don't think he'll follow any," replied Farmer Korkob, "but I think he'll just sit down, smoke cigarettes, and let them all go by him."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

How Mabel Felt.

Stella: "So, you kissed the young parson in the dark hall, thinking it was your husband?"

"Mabel," replied the young parson, "I don't think I'll follow any," replied Farmer Korkob, "but I think he'll just sit down, smoke cigarettes, and let them all go by him."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Good Meal, Seneca?

Several ladies sat in their club a few evenings ago discussing the virtues of their husbands.

"Mr. Singleton," said one of them, referring to her life partner, "never drinks and never swears—indeed, he has no bad habits."

"Does he ever smoke?" some one asked.

"Yes; he likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose, on an average, he doesn't smoke more than once a month."—Toronto, Saturday Night.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

NOW would be an appropriate time for the man who devised the scheme for burning ashes to invent a process for cooling the refrigerator with melted ice.—Boston Globe.

It begins to appear as if Senator Foraker will have to be content with the colored supplement.—Washington Herald.

That Indiana man who died in great agony from the peck of a hen has given all the other hen-pecked men a chance to reap a little sympathy while the case is remembered.—Washington Post.

Let the man who "can't leave his business" to take a vacation remember that many a poor fellow has worked himself to death, only to find that the doctor—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

As soon as General Luke Wright, of Tennessee, was hauled out, leaving the South without a single place of importance in the diplomatic service, a Michigan man was given the vacancy, and thus the State was saved to the administration.—Dallas News.

We have been asked to give our honest opinion of bridge whist. We'd like to, but we ain't taking any chances of having our paper barred from the mails.—Arizona Eagle.

Man arrested for running amuck in Wall Street with an ax. This will have to be stopped. No one must run amuck in Wall Street bearing anything but a wad of money and a lamblike disposition.—New York Telegram.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Salvation Army, established in fifty-two countries and preaches the gospel in thirty-one languages.

Vienna has only thirty-nine inhabitants per acre, the city ground comprising 1,293 acres, and the population being 1,675,000.

The largest plow ever built has been successfully used on a Texas ranch. The implement clears a strip of ground seven feet wide.

Robert S. Murphy, son of Francis Murphy, the temperance reformer, who has just died, was the Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania.

The spyves of Granada, Spain, are unique among the race as cave dwellers, living in recesses hollowed out of a hillside not far from the city.

A disabled fireman of Constantinople does not necessarily leave the city after his mishap. No one must run amuck in Wall Street bearing anything but a wad of money and a lamblike disposition.—New York Telegram.

Mrs. Gertrude L. Brinkhaus has charge of the Maryland exhibit in the Jamestown Exposition, which is contained in a handsome replica of the old State House.

James Hampton Robb, reported from London as disappointed in not getting much support for his scheme for erecting a William Penn monument in Westminster Abbey.

The Russian Grand Duke of Alexie, whose scandalous conduct with a conspicuous woman in a Paris restaurant has made such a commotion, first visited this country about thirty years ago. He has of late been practically exiled in Paris.

Congressman Littlefield, of Maine, home from Hawaii, denies the stories of his resignation from office, and improves the occasion to say he will support the candidacy of the Republican party for the presidency may not yet have been mentioned.

Second Assistant Secretary of State Alvey A. Adee knows more about the customs and precedents of that department than any other man in the country. He has coached all the secretaries in recent years, and would have been long ago but for the fact that he is practically deaf and afflicted with such a faulty utterance as to make his speech almost unintelligible.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

CAMPING parties are a midsummer vogue among Virginia people, and are heard of all over the State. Major and Mrs. Pierce and family, of Charlottesville, Va., Messrs. Robert Polard and Clarence and Thomas Robertson are enjoying a camping trip near Alleghany Springs.

A party of young people from Staunton, Va., chartered by Miss Margaret Atkinson, have just returned home from a camping expedition on North River. Those in the party were Misses Anne and Sue Bell, Susie Robertson, Mary Harmon, Lucy Bowles, Alice Kelly, May Young and Mary Allen. Messrs. Duncan Curry, Peyton, Cochran, Archie Robertson, Monroe Kelly, Columbus Hall, J. W. H. Pilson, George Allen and Ernest Hoge.

Left Yesterday.

Mrs. M. E. Henry Ruffin, of Mobile, Ala., daughter of the late Colonel Frank G. Ruffin, of this city, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses Frances G. and Mary Henry Ruffin, left yesterday to spend some time at Monticello, the home of their great ancestor, Thomas Jefferson. While in Richmond, Mrs. Ruffin and the Misses Ruffin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Copper, at "Rose Lawn," Westhampton.

Chapman Family Reunion.

Mrs. Rosa Smith, of Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of Greenville, Va., where a reunion of the Chapman family was held on Tuesday.

China Wedding Celebrated.

The twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Forehand was celebrated at their home, Deer Creek, Va., Monday evening. Rev. J. A. Speight, D. D., who officiated when Mr. and Mrs. Forehand were married twenty years ago was present and helped to render the occasion thoroughly enjoyable to the bride and groom and those of their friends who gathered to make the occasion memorable.

Visiting Mrs. Gibson.

Miss Nancy Perkins, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moncure Perkins, is enjoying a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, at Mrs. Gibson's summer cottage, on the coast of Maine. Miss Nancy writes quaint little letters to her schoolgirl friends in Richmond, describing the attractions of summer life on the New England coast.

Off to Europe.

A Virginia and Southern party sailing for Europe on Saturday last, included Mr. W. M. Camp and Mrs. C. Camp, of Roanoke, Va.; Misses Sallie and Letta Camp, of Ocala, Fla.; Miss Lee Armstrong, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Lula Butt Bradford, of Florida.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Boudar, of No. 1823 West Grace Street, accompanied by Miss Louise Boudar and Miss Kimbrell, of North Carolina, left yesterday to spend some time at Ocean View.

Mrs. Benjamin H. Nash, of No. 809 West Franklin Street, and Miss Mary C. Hatcher are at Elkton, Va.

Miss Corinne Snowden Norment, of No. 317 South Third Street, will leave August 1st for Europe on a camping party of Baltimore friends with "Thousand Islands and other points along the St. Lawrence River, as objective camping places.

Mrs. C. B. Owens and Miss Alice Gray Owens have returned from a delightful stay at Hampton, Va., and Jamestown Exposition.

Miss Helen Dickinson is spending Richmond, during the Jamestown Exposition. She will return to-morrow.

Misses Laura Royal and Isabel Pendleton, of No. 300 South Third Street, are spending a week at Ocean View and the exposition.

Miss Alice Gray Welsh, of No. 1625 West Grace Street, will spend the remainder of the summer at Ocean View.

Misses Virginia Pelham Binford and Olive Gibson, of No. 317 South Third Street, are at Jefferson Park Hotel. They will go the 1st of August to Crozet, Va., where they will be joined by Mr. Philip Norment Gibson and remain until September.

Miss Elizabeth Kent King will join her aunt, Mrs. Julius A. Morris, at Hotel Framere, Atlantic City, to-morrow.

Miss Louise Wood, of Richmond, and Miss Mary Wood, of Jamestown, are visiting Mrs. H. B. Fitzhugh at Virginia Beach, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Corcoran Rustis, who have spent several months in their Virginia home, are returning to New York City, will close that house this week and go for the remainder of the season to their home on Long Island.

Miss Ethel Puryear, of Danville, Va., and her brother, Mr. Benjamin Puryear, are visiting Richmond and the Jamestown Exposition.

Mrs. Charles Hurd, of San Francisco, Cal., accompanied by her only grandchild, William Lyon, are guests of Mrs. Hurd's sister, Mrs. Mary Cassidy, of 21m Avenue, Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Hurd was a former resident of Lynchburg, and returns to the city after an absence of forty-eight years.

Mr. Ashley Iver is visiting his father, Mr. R. E. Iver, of Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Atkinson, of No. 311 East Grace Street, left Tuesday for Montreal and the city of Quebec. They will spend some time at Lake George on their way home.

Rev. Dr. M. F. Dinneen, formerly of this city, but more recently of St. Mary's Seminary, near Baltimore, is

spending some time at Notre Dame, Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. H. W. Holloway will leave shortly to spend a month in New York City.

Mrs. Charles B. Campbell, of Florida, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Hoggarty, at No. 169 East Grace Street.

Mr. Edward O. Friend has left for Mathews county, where he is visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Gentry is spending the summer with her niece, Mrs. Robert Lee Sears, at "Halcyon Hall," Matthews county.

Miss Hattie C. Hughes, who has been visiting Miss Eland in King and Queen county, is expected home the latter part of this week.

Mrs. W. S. Goch and Miss Mary Stuart Goch, of this city, will visit Mrs. Goch's brother, Judge Anderson, at Clifton Forge, Va., and later spend some time at the Goch home, "Ingle-side," near Louisa, Va.

Mrs. Stapleton Goch, who will open "Ingle-side" in August, is now at Rock-bridge Alum Springs.

Mrs. Nannie Werth is the guest of Mrs. R. T. Hunter, at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

The Charlottesville Progress of Wednesday says: A merry party enjoying camp life at Sugar Hollow includes Mrs. H. K. Flanagan and four children of this city, Mr. Robert J. Gonzales, of Columbia, S. C.; Miss French Patton, of Ashland; Messrs. L. R. Whittle, A. F. Wilson and James C. Bardin, of the University, and Messrs. John Jones and Evelyn D. Hill, of Richmond.

Mr. William Frazier is visiting Mrs. A. E. Miller at "Eastwood," near Staunton, Va.

Mr. Henry Lee Valentine has returned from spending several days in Norfolk.

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph attended a business meeting of the Building Association, Virginia Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Petersburg Tuesday afternoon.

Letters received by friends in Richmond from Professor and Mrs. Lile, of the University of Virginia, indicate that they are enjoying a delightful stay in London.

Mrs. R. L. Wise, who has been a guest in the family of Mr. Herman Wise, of Harrisonburg, Va., has returned to Richmond.

Mrs. W. E. Robertson and children, of No. 302 Randolph Street, are spending the summer at "Homeland Cottage," Otter Mills, Mecklenburg county, Va.

Rev. W. E. Robertson will join them for the month of August.

Mr. Ellis Kempner, of New York City, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. I. Domhoffer, of No. 211 Governor Street, has returned home, accompanied by his niece, Miss Hannah Domhoffer.

Mr. Harry Domhoffer, of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. I. Domhoffer.

Miss Floyd Taylor left Tuesday for Boston and other points North, in company with Paymaster and Mrs. George W. Seibles, of the United States navy.

Professor Sigismund Kahn is sick with typhoid fever in the home of his brother-in-law, No. 845 Park Place, Brooklyn